

# KALAMAZOO PARLIAMENTARY LAW UNIT

## Regular Meeting

May 22, 2014

President Betty Weston called the regular meeting of the Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit to order at 9:33 am on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at The Christian Church-Disciples of Christ, 2208 Winchell Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI. She led members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Treasurer Betty Lee Ongley read the comments that Commissioner John Zull gave when the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners proclaimed April as Parliamentary Law month.

Secretary Michele McGowen called the roll with 10 members present: Barbara Davis, Patricia Dolan, Allison Hammond, Barbara Hemphill, Frank Jamison, Paula Jamison, Michele McGowen, Betty Lee Ongley, Julie Pioch, and Betty Weston. **A quorum was present.**

One guest was present for the meeting: Laurie Marshall from St. Joseph, Michigan.

The item Educational Session was added to the agenda under New Business. The agenda was approved as amended.

The minutes from the November 21, 2013 Annual Meeting were approved.

### **Report of Officers**

**President's Report:** President Betty Weston read the President's report. The report is attached.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Betty Lee Ongley reported that the name of the bank our account is held is now Talmer West Bank. As of April 15, 2014 we have a balance of \$2,905.49.

Secretary Michele McGowen read the highlights from the minutes of the March 11, 2014 KPLU Executive Committee meeting. Member Julie Pioch moved adoption of the 2013 audit report submitted by Allison Hammond. Motion was adopted.

### **Standing Committee Report**

**Bylaw Committee:** Member Frank Jamison distributed copies of proposed revisions to the KPLU bylaws. The amendments will be e mailed to the membership, as specified in the bylaws, for discussion at the September, 2014 meeting. He will email the proposed changes to the membership so that we have time to review them prior to the September meeting.

### **Special Committee Report**

**KPLU Website:** Member Julie Pioch reminded us that our local unit has its own webpage at [www.michiganparliamentarian.org](http://www.michiganparliamentarian.org). If there is information a member would like to add to the webpage please let her know.

**Parliamentarian Month Events:** Treasurer Betty Lee Ongley reported that KPLU has a display at the Portage Public Library the entire month of April for Parliamentary Law Month, and that the librarian there had created some information to go along with our displayed information. President Betty Weston reminded the group that a photo of the display case was highlighted in the NAP electronic newsletter.

Betty Lee Ongley and Betty Weston were also present at the County of Kalamazoo, City of Kalamazoo and City of Portage Council meetings to accept proclamations for Parliamentary Law Month on behalf of KPLU.

### **New Business**

**MSAP Annual Meeting report:** Member Julie Pioch gave a report on the MURP and MSAP Annual Meetings that were held in Mt Pleasant in April 2014. Pat Dolan, Betty Weston and Julie Pioch all attended. Member Pioch taught an educational session on conflict management at the meeting. Barb Hemphill moved that mileage for three KPLU members to attend the MSAP and MURP meetings in Mt. Pleasant, MI on April 11 and 12, 2014 be reimbursed to Pat Dolan in the amount of \$159.00. Motion was approved. We learned that at the MSAP meeting President Weston volunteered KPLU to host the 2015 MSAP Annual meeting the weekend of April 10 – 12, 2015. Member Pioch indicated that the NAP regional meeting may also coincide with that date and location.

**Tab order from NAP:** NAP ordered 100 more sets of Tabs for RONR to have on hand. Members agreed by unanimous consent to reimburse Barbara Davis \$288.07 for the cost of materials used in filling this order.

**Educational Session request:** Member Pioch was contacted by Anthony McDougal, who was present at the September 2012 KPLU workshop. He requested that KPLU do an educational presentation for a group he is part of that has 40-60 members. It would be a two hour workshop. Member Pioch suggested to him that the cost would be \$300 plus cost of materials. She has not received a response to the proposal as of this meeting. When Mr. McDougal responds she will contact members for volunteers to be part of the presentation. A discussion of KPLU providing educational workshops to the community ensued.

This discussion led to the group deciding to offer another educational workshop in the fall of 2014. We tentatively chose the date of September 27, 2014. Member Barbara Davis moved that we refer the matter of workshop to member Allison Hammond, the Education Committee chair. The motion was approved.

### **Educational Lesson**

Member Julie Pioch presented a lesson on Subsidiary Motions.

Michele McGowen

Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 pm